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TEAMSTERS 890

Warehousemen and Teamsters Union 890
Salinas, California

Your Union has been in negotiations with the Raiter Canning Company for several months and has just recently signed a contract which is now before the Board calling for vacation with pay, good seniority clause, eight-hour day, and night shift premium. This cannery is now processing spinach and if the Board approves this agreement, it will do away with two 14-week exemption periods as prescribed under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Your Union has also signed contracts covering four Ice Houses in the Watsonville area calling for the 8-hour day, vacations, and pay rates ranging from 90c to \$1.00, also seniority clause. This will affect close to 40 people.

On September 12, the members of this Union voted to participate in a sick and death benefit fund and at which time elected certain conditions to govern payments and to administer this fund. Forms they are prepared and all members will be requested to take one in order that they may familiarize themselves with the provisions contained therein and which are to be made part of your constitution and entitled Article VII.

Your organization at its last regular meeting nominated the following officers without opposition: President and business agent, Albert A. Harris; vice-president, James Porter; recording secretary and business agent, William G. Kenyon; secretary-treasurer and business representative, Peter A. Andrade. Trustees nominated as follows: Margaret Grasso, Tom Rubio, Herman Johnson, Alec Dahmer; in the case of the trustee, Alec Dahmer was not eligible and withdrew of his own volition. Installations will be at the first meeting in January.

In the case of Western Frozen Foods, form ten calling for the 8-hour day, 40-hour week, seniority, vacations and rates of pay ranging from 75c to \$1.10 are now being processed through the Regional War Labor Board and we hope to receive an approval in a short time.

In the case of Spiegel Foods Company, your Union has requested of the Company the following conditions to be added to the contract: The abolition of the 85c classification and the 90c classification to apply instead; the abolition of the 80c rate for watchman and the 85c rate to apply instead; seniority and vacations are also requested. The company has the requests under consideration at the present time.

It is very likely that your Union will participate in the very near future in an election covering some 400 workers in another large dehydration plant in this area and we hope it will culminate in your Union becoming the bargaining unit.

The Bond Drive was a huge success and by the time you read this column the amount sold at Spiegel Foods Company alone will have exceeded ten thousand dollars in the Series "E" Bonds. Your Union is grateful towards its members for the manner in which they purchased bonds, where in some cases it worked a hardship on the members. It is indeed gratifying to know that all of our members realize that the purchase of bonds is vitally necessary in order that the war may end sooner.

One of our members, Mrs. Velma Stewart, greets everyone from Austin, Texas, where she is visiting her children. She asks that the labor paper be mailed to her there temporarily. We wish her much happiness because Velma Stewart lost her husband and has a son who is a prisoner of war; and in spite of all that, she has held her chin up and no matter what was asked of her, particularly in emergency such as War Chest, Donation of blood, she was the first to step forward.

DO NOT FORGET the Sixth War Loan Drive.

PAY YOUR DUES before the fifteenth of the month.

If you have changed your address, please notify the Union.

Fulton Lewis Jr. has proved that a careful analysis of the returns will reveal that this election does not have his approval.

TREE PRUNING CEILING RATE SET BY WFA

A War Food Administration order establishing a specific ceiling on wage rates for pruning fruit and nut bearing trees in an area including most of San Benito County and a small section of Santa Clara County is in effect today, according to Roland F. Ballou, executive officer of the California WFA Wage Board.

Maximum hourly rates are 90 cents for experienced pruners and 75 cents for "learners." A learner is defined as a person who has had less than seven days experience in pruning any kind of fruit or nut bearing trees. Where pruning is done by piece work, the order provides the rate paid per tree can not exceed the cost per tree that would be incurred if the work were paid for at an hourly rate of 90 cents. In no case, however, can the piece rate exceed 60 cents a tree without specific approval of the WFA Wage Board.

Where tree rates higher than 60 cents are necessary because of larger trees, other time consuming factors or unusual orchard conditions, adjustments will be made on the basis of individual applications, stating the facts that each applicant believes justify modification of the rates provided in the order. Ballou said.

A local advisory committee composed of growers and workers familiar with orchard conditions in the area will assist the Wage Board in passing on the adjustment appeals, as well as advising on general features of the program. While it is recognized that the 60 cent tree rate will need adjustment upward for larger sized trees, information received at the recent Hollister wage hearing and from other sources indicates that the greater portion of trees customarily pruned by piece rate in the area normally are done for 60 cents a tree or less, Ballou said.

All of San Benito County is included in the area covered by the specific wage ceiling except a small portion lying west of a line running due south from the junction of the San Benito and Pajaro Rivers along the 101 Highway to the Monterey County line. The portion of Santa Clara County east of the Pacheco Pass Highway is also in the ceiling area.

WARD OPENS NEW OFFICE

Dale L. Ward, still acting as business agent for the Monterey County Building Trades Council, has finally opened his new general insurance business offices at 215 Del Monte Avenue, Monterey.

Ward has long been an agent for the Farmers Group of accident insurance and now has taken over the district for the insurance firm as general representative.

Mrs. Brett, wife of the president of Teamsters Union 287, has been confined to her home for several days with a severe attack of pneumonia. Brother Brett reported last week-end.

Mrs. Brett has been working as office secretary for the Teamsters in Watsonville. The Bretts live in Capitola and Brother Brett is business representative for Teamsters in Santa Cruz County.

BIDDLE ASKED TO CHECK UP SNOOPING OF MR. LAME DUCK

New York City The Workers Defense League asked Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle to investigate reports that lame-duck Rep. Martin Dies (D., Texas) is copying the files of his committee to use in a labor spy agency he plans to set up when he leaves Congress.

LABOR COUNCIL BTC COMMITTEE STILL ACTIVE

Continued activity by the Building Trades Committee of the Central Labor Council at Salinas is reported by George Harter, labor council president.

This committee is not to be confused with the Building Trades Council which building crafts are attempting to set up for the Salinas area, Harter said.

The labor council's Building Trades Committee includes representatives from all building trades unions affiliated with the council and three members-at-large representing miscellaneous crafts in the council.

Purpose of the inclusion of miscellaneous craft representatives is to co-ordinate building trades activities into the labor council program. With the three members-at-large active in the Building Trades Committee, the meeting of problems will be facilitated greatly, Harter said.

There is no effort by the council to have the miscellaneous crafts represented on the Building Trades Committee promulgate ideas or seek to control policy of the committee. Rather, it was explained, these miscellaneous craftsmen will serve as equalizers in handling of building trades problems for the council.

Meetings of the Building Trades Committee of the council are called for 7:30 p.m. each Friday, just prior to the labor council's regular meetings.

Building Code For County Backed Here

Steps have been taken by groups in Salinas toward promotion of a uniform building code for Monterey County, such a code to be created through enactment by the County Board of Supervisors.

Need for such a building code was expressed in an article entitled "Housing Needs" and printed in the health department's publication, the Health Bulletin. The article stated:

"In addition to the passage of adequate state (housing) laws there should be a county building department setup to endorse the code. Such a department would necessarily have to work in close harmony with the health department for the successful operation of such a program and to obtain improvements in substandard areas now existing which are an ever present threat to the health and financial well-being of the county."

The new Building Trades Council in Salinas, which was to meet this week to discuss affiliation with the Monterey County Building Trades Council under a plan for county-wide protection for building crafts, is discussing need for a county building code, it was reported.

TALCOTT JOB OF TRAILERS NEARING END

A layoff last week of many of the women workers prefaced close to the trailer construction job at Talcott Lumber Co., reported J.B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272.

Possibility of new contracts for the firm have been reported but the layoffs are expected to continue until after the close of this year.

All laborers in the Salinas area are employed still, reported McGinley. New work is expected when the sanitary sewer projects are started, he added.

AFL Convention Aids Labor Press; Special Service Planned For

New Orleans, La. The AFL convention unanimously adopted a resolution calling for the standing committee of the AFL on the labor press to give "whatever aid or service it may deem feasible and practicable to render the greatest possible aid to the labor press."

Sec. John P. Frey of the resolutions committee said it also "recommends providing spot news to the labor press and issuance of a cartoon and mat service to the labor press."

Pres. William Green and Sec.-Treas. George Meany were added to the standing committee.

AFL Leaders at Convention



AFL President William Green (left) and President Edward J. Brown of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers discuss union problems at the AFL convention in New Orleans. (Federated Pictures)

Labor Record of Stettinius Said Bad at Plant of General Motors

Flint, Michigan President Roosevelt's appointment of the J. P. Morgan protégé Edward R. Stettinius as secretary of state to succeed Cordell Hull recalls the blast against him when he was made undersecretary over a year ago.

The only contact General Motors workers had with Stettinius was first when as a millionaire's son he grandstanded as a GM worker at 40c an hour and later when he was a GM vice-president in charge of public and industrial relations.

Buick GM workers in Flint through their Local 599, Headlight (United Auto Workers) termed his career in that capacity as "short and disastrous—to many Buick workers."

Under Stettinius, the union charges, the new GM policy was "to tear down all weather protection devices and expose the workers to the full extent of the icy winter drafts, tearing down toilet cubicles so as to expose the workers so that peeping Tom underlings could detect delinquents at a glance, firing workers who were 55 years of age and hadn't been employed 10 years in the plant, and so on."

After he left GM to head U. S. Steel, the company was pressured into rescinding all his so-called improvements. All discharged older men who were still able to work were also rehired.

Thirty Hours a Week Urged By AFL Delegates

New Orleans, La. Universal adoption of the 30-hour week to guarantee full employment in the post-war world was unanimously called for by the AFL convention.

Approving the recommendation of its resolutions committee, the convention called on the AFL, "as a measure of protection against post-war unemployment, to take energetic steps toward the universal establishment of the 30-hour week of five days of six hours each, without reduction of basic pay, for all workers."

Millions of young workers demobilized from the armed forces and additional millions discharged from the war plants will need jobs once the war is won, the convention said, pointing out that reduction of the workweek to 30 hours is imperative if the U. S. is to have a peacetime economy which provides jobs for all at an adequate standard of living.

Telephone Clerks Get In Independent Union

Detroit, Michigan By 135 to 32 the traffic clerks of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. voted in a labor board election for the Michigan Telephone Employees Federation, a unit of the National Federation of Telephone Workers (unaffiliated).

CONVENTION REITERATES POSITION ON STRIKES

New Orleans, La. Labor's no-strike pledge was enthusiastically reaffirmed by the 64th AFL convention in a rising vote with every delegate on his feet applauding loudly.

The resolution declared that "we hereby reaffirm our determination to fulfill our pledges to the government and to the people of the U. S. and the members of our armed forces, that we will give every possible assistance in prosecuting the present war to a victorious conclusion. That we renew our no-strike pledge and reaffirm our determination to continue assisting in financing the war, and as soldiers in the army of production give full service in the production of the implements of war."

"But that we also insist upon the government and upon industry to respect our rights, preserve our agreements and apply them to the good faith, and that our no-strike pledge must not be used as a subterfuge to deprive us of long established rights and privileges."

Immediately upon passage of the resolution Pres. William Green announced that cables telling of the action would be dispatched to both Generals Douglas MacArthur and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Painters? Might Get More If Wage Scale Higher, Probe Finds

San Diego, Calif. The Production Urgency Committee, composed of representatives of the army, navy and government agencies, took under consideration a brief filed by Local 333, Brotherhood of Painters.

The brief pointed out that war construction is being retarded by the lack of painters and rapid turnover of painters who come to San Diego from other parts of the country. Main reasons, it is claimed, causing the manpower shortage and turnover are the housing situation and comparable wage scales at other points on the West Coast. The brief cited facts and figures to prove that relief can be brought about only through an increased wage scale in the industry.

MINISTERS TAKE THEIR RELIGION SERIOUSLY

Detroit, Michigan The Detroit Council of Applied Religion, dedicated to fighting for the four freedoms on the home front, was set up at an organizational meeting of 50 ministers and churchmen. The new council's co-chairmen are the Rev. Ellsworth Smith of the Detroit Council of Churches and Rec. Sec. Shelton Tappes of Ford Local 600, United Auto Workers.

It operates on interracial lines including many denominations and both AFL and CIO members are active.

Abolition Of Race Bar Hot Topic at AFL Convention

New Orleans, Louisiana By a voice vote that Pres. William Green declared was unanimous, the AFL convention upheld a report of its resolutions committee reiterating its opposition to racial discrimination and calling such practices dangerous to democracy.

In accepting the committee's report, the convention declined to support a resolution offered by Pres. A. Philip Randolph of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters calling for stronger action to stop national and international unions from establishing or continuing auxiliary locals for Negroes.

The resolutions committee's refusal to condemn auxiliary locals aroused the liveliest debate of the convention, touched off when Randolph made a vigorous attack on the practice of denying full union rights to Negro members and named the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, International Association of Machinists and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers as fostering such practices.

Randolph said: "Negro workers demand the same rights as white workers." He classed auxiliary union membership as "trade union imperialism" and said it "fostered trade union fascism in the AFL. The AFL must decide whether to take the path of union democracy or union fascism."

ARGUMENT GETS HOT "The boilermakers, electricians and machinists," he said, "ought to be made to toe the line or get out of the AFL. If you vote for the recommendation of the committee, it is because you are afraid of the powerful high command of the AFL. You'll vote because you are scared." He got considerable applause in the hall.

Randolph's impassioned plea for stronger action drew prompt and equally vigorous replies from a number of AFL leaders including MacGowan.

MACGOWAN REPLIES Pres. Charles J. MacGowan of the boilermakers branded Randolph's speech "offensive, arrogant and insolent" and said: "Some of us are getting tired of being kicked around by professional agitators."

In rebuttal, Randolph declared MacGowan had assumed "a holier than thou attitude" and said: "There is no delegate in this convention who can intimidate me. Don't attempt to use cheap methods and demagogic attacks. It won't stop me." He said MacGowan's statement was "verbose and evasive and warned: 'If anyone thinks the Negroes are going to wait 1000 years to get their rights they have another thing coming.'"

Workers Defense Asks Biddle For Probe of Dies

New York City The Workers Defense League asked Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle to investigate reports that lame-duck Rep. Martin Dies (D., Texas) is copying the files of his committee to use in a labor spy agency he plans to set up when he leaves Congress.

"Any use for personal gain of confidential information from witnesses and government departments, including the FBI, army and navy intelligence, appears a breach of faith and flagrant violation of the American tradition of justice and fair play," the WDL said.

According to reports, Dies' streamlined labor espionage service will sell to employers up-to-date records on the political and union affiliations of prospective employees.

Watchmakers in San Diego Form a Union

San Diego, Calif. San Diego watchmakers were chartered as Local 116 of International Jewelry Workers Union at special ceremonies here.

AFL Metal Tradesmen



The 36th annual convention of the AFL Metal Trades Department, preceding the main AFL sessions at New Orleans, re-elected its top officers (1 to r): First Vice-President Roy Horn, President John P. Frey, and Sec.-Treas. James McEntee. Horn represents the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers; Frey, the International Molders & Foundry Workers; McEntee, the International Association of Machinists. (Federated Pictures)

WESTERN UNION-EERS! Everybody Vote AFL for Better Job Protection!

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. Denouncing the National Labor Relations Board for its failure to grant a nation-wide bargaining unit to the employees of the combined Western Union and Postal Telegraph Systems as requested by the Commercial Telegraphers Union, the delegates to the A. F. of L. Convention unanimously adopted a resolution pledging

financial and all other support possible to the CTU and the IBEW in their campaign to win the collective bargaining rights for these employees. Elections will be held from January 2 to January 10.

President William Green served notice on the NLRB that despite all of its efforts to assist the Communist-controlled ACA-CIO, the A. F. of L. will win every election. The sentiments of President Green were echoed by W. L. Allen, International President of the Commercial Telegraphers Union,

the desperation of its effort to win support for itself by hook or crook, not on the basis of merit, but on the basis of trickery and falsehoods.

The CTU and IBEW call upon all the employees to act in union and have their bargaining rights represented by one union—the American Federation of Labor. The California State Federation of Labor supports the CTU and the IBEW all the way down the line.

UNIONISTS!

If you have friends, relatives or neighbors employed by the Western Union, call their attention to this article and point out to them the advantages of supporting the Commercial Telegraphers Union in this election!

and all the organizers in the field who are doing a splendid job to enlighten the employees of this company with all of the facts of importance to them.

PLEDGE PAY MINIMUM The A. F. of L. union has issued a special notice to the messengers working for the company, informing them that when the election is over, the A. F. of L. will request a 65c an hour minimum for all employees. The union intends to afford all messengers the same rights and privileges given to other employees. The CTU pledges that these demands will be incorporated into the new contract to be negotiated upon the conclusion of the election.

Of great importance to all employees qualified to cast a ballot is to be sure that each employee who votes sign his or her name on the envelope in his or her own handwriting.

TO HANDLE GRIEVANCES The CTU and IBEW call upon all its members and friends to make sure that all the eligible people on their offices and units cast a ballot. In spite of the tremendous work connected with the election campaign, the union wishes to assure its membership that all of the grievances will be presented by the union to the company, and that they will do everything possible to have them satisfactorily adjusted.

CRITICIZE TRICKERY A typical trick being used by the CIO-ACA union is the circularization of a petition to get the War Labor Board to order general wage increases for all Western Union employees. This trick is so transparent that it is doubtful that any employee will be taken in by it. The A. F. of L. union has already represented many of these employees in various districts in cases before the War Labor Board. Wage increases before the War Labor Board, the union must have bargaining rights and contractual relations with the employers, and they cannot apply for a wage increase without going through the proper procedure. Such tactics on the part of the CIO-ACA indicate

Back Up 6th Loan

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. Unions throughout the state of California are responding to the Sixth War Loan Drive by increasing their purchases of bonds as well as organizing various activities to encourage the purchase of more bonds by the people in their communities. Representatives of labor are taking an active part in the various city-wide drives, and working in many other ways to put the campaign over the top as quickly as possible.

Judging from initial results, it is safe to anticipate that the goal set up for California will be reached as far as labor is concerned, and the Federation is urging the unions to continue their splendid work and not to stop until the goal has been attained.

Canners Win Out

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. The National War Labor Board upheld the Tenth Regional War Labor Board's award to the California State Council of Cannery Unions, AFL, of night shift differential; piece-rate minimum of 70c an hour and the abolition of the so-called audit system, better known as the "make-up"; a vacation of one week after one year's employment, and two weeks after five years' employment.

The employers appealed the decision to the National War Labor Board, and the National War Labor Board upheld the Cannery Workers Union and will benefit the tens of thousands of workers in this industry.

Some of those lame ducks would have come in handy for Thanksgiving dinner, what with the turkey shortage.

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SOME AMERICAN HISTORY

The question of the constitutionality of a treaty which provides that an officer of the United States can, without action of Congress, join in the punishment of an "aggressor" nation comes up for consideration in the debate concerning the formation of a Security Council.

Some argue that because at 77 different times the United States military forces have been used against other nations without action of Congress, such action can be legalized.

Among the 77 "undeclared wars" was our war against Nicaragua, the shelling and occupation of a Mexican city, the expedition into Mexico to find Pancho Villa, the occupation of Haiti, the suppression of the "Boxer" rebellion in China, sending two armies into Russia to extinguish the Bolsheviks, action against Turkey to protect the consulate at Smyrna, and seventy other similar wars. Most of them were against countries south of the Rio Grande. (You see, we really weren't very good neighbors until Roosevelt!)

All these precedents are relied on by leaders of both parties who are sure that United States participation in the proposed Security Council can be put on a legal and practical basis without violation of constitutional processes.

These leaders believe that the plan formulated at Dumbarton Oaks could be implemented by action under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution which gives Congress power to "define and punish piracies and felonies committed on the high seas, and offenses against the laws of nations"—also under the power of Congress to "provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States."

WE'LL STRING ALONG WITH BOB

A religious weekly recently published an article denouncing Bob Hope, screen and radio comedian, for "violating Christian principles." It appears that the basis for this ridiculous attack is the charge that on his tours to army camps Bob has often dished out the broad brand of humor that the GIs go for in a big way. Any man who, in these troublesome times, can fill our lives with fun—and who, like Bob Hope, has traveled all over this world to bring it in abundance to the boys on the fronts—is a right kind of a guy. And it's about time that some of these kill-joys removed their blue noses from other people's business—and let the boys preparing to die for their country enjoy their cackles and guffaws in peace. *Where there's life there's Hope!*

THAT SECURITY TAX

Congress and the big business interests are dead set against the raise of the social security payroll tax from one to two cents. The real question is not whether the one cent tax will meet current payments to those workers who reach 65, but will the funds forty-five years from now be sufficient to meet the payments to 50 million workers who will be retiring?

The funds will be drawing interest from the government and also will save local taxpayers the need to maintain poorhouses.

Roosevelt says we would better be sure than sorry.

ELECTION REFORMS

"Absentee ballots" for every qualified voter are proposed by Frank Jordan, secretary of state. If the legislature considers the proposition, it should take up the matter of compulsory registration of every person over 18. Giving the ballot to eighteen-year-olds would be wise. It works in Georgia where it is said to have resulted in the greatest liberalizing of government the state has ever had.

LABOR AND STATES RIGHTS

Passage of so-called "Right to Work" laws in Arkansas and Florida won't help the employers to break the unions unless the United States Supreme Court decides that the War Labor Board has no right to enforce the closed shop and maintenance of membership contracts. The WLB recently expressed the opinion that states have no right to enforce laws which violate WLB orders.

HUMAN SPARE PARTS

The "big business" interest of the United States and the world are, by cartels, combines, trade agreements and monopolies, getting ready to maintain a supply of spare parts—a cache of unemployed on which they can draw without increasing wages. And the people who are employed will also take care of the spare parts rusting on the shelf.

PROGRESS TOWARD DEMOCRACY

The United States Court recently ruled that "patronage dividends" of co-operatives are not income subject to taxation. Again, progress. Let's hope the U. S. Supreme Court will concur. Maybe we'll have a real democracy some sweet day.

All Officials
Of Federation
Re-Elected
Unanimously

New Orleans, Louisiana

The 64th annual convention of the AFL closed here after the unanimous re-election of Pres. Wm. Green, Sec.-Treas. George Meany and the 13 vice-presidents.

Sec.-Treas. Frank Lundy of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters placed the name of Green in nomination in a speech filled with glowing tribute to the man who won his 21st term as head of the AFL without opposition.

ALL RE-ELECTED

In quick order thereafter, the delegates, tired from their two-week long convention, elected the list of incumbent vice-presidents, in order:

William L. Hutcheson, United Brotherhood of Carpenters; Matthew Wolf, International Photo Engravers Union; Joseph N. Weber, American Federation of Musicians; G. M. Bugniet, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; George M. Harrison, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks; Daniel J. Tobin, International Brotherhood of Teamsters; Harry C. Bates, Bricklayers International Union; William D. Mahon, Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees; Felix H. Knight, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen; Edward Flore, Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance; Harvey W. Brown, International Association of Machinists; William C. Birthright, Journeymen Barbers International Union; and William C. Doherty, National Association of Letter Carriers.

PICK CHICAGO

Chicago was chosen as the site of the 1945 convention after Minneapolis withdrew rather than have a floor fight on the issue. Invitations had also been extended from the central labor body of Louisville and civic authorities of Cleveland and Detroit.

Louisville was eliminated after Pres. A. Philip Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters had taken the floor to protest the Jim Crow discrimination against Negro delegates in New Orleans and insist that the next convention go to a city where equal treatment is assured every delegate.

NEGRO PROTEST

Randolph said Negro delegates in New Orleans had been insulted and forced to use service elevators in the hotels. He criticized "arrogant, cheap, petty and little men" who forced this type of discrimination.



"Are you toying with the idea of writing to Santa Claus this year, Luther?" asked Mr. Dilworth, breaking into loud guffaws. "Get it—loving—good, eh?"

"Aw, that kid stuff," said Little Luther contemptuously. "You're getting too old to play around with a beard and red underwear, Pop. And besides, you never get me what I want anyway."

"Luther! Stop acting like those smart-a-heck Quiz Kids and admit you believe in Santa Claus," Mr. Dilworth threatened.

"O.K., Pop," said Little Luther, relenting quickly. "Here's the list of things I want in 1945. I had it all the time."

And Mr. Dilworth read the following requests:

1 long-range bean shooter (to use on Congressman Dripp the next time he starts a filibuster)
1 goose cooked (for Hitter)
Another goose cooked (for Hirohito)

1 shovel (for Westbrook Pegler)
1 garbage can (for all those red herrings)

Methballs (for the NAM's labor program)
Cells, separate (for the 29 seditionists)

Solitary confinement (for isolationists)
A paper shortage (for the Hearst-McCormick-Patterson press)

A friendship job (for the United Nations)
67,000,000 jobs (for everybody)
AND 1 pair of earmuffs (for me when Pop starts talking).

Teamsters Help
Recruit WACs

The Teamsters B'dg. in Seattle proudly wears a huge billboard on its roof top these days advising passersby to join the WAC medical department. It's part of the Joint Council of Teamsters program to assist in every way possible in the campaign drive for WAC recruiting.

Various locals affiliated with the council are also co-operating by furnishing names of prospective recruits to recruiting headquarters. Officers in charge of the drive report excellent results from information received through teamster locals.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



BEING MET TOGETHER, by Vaughn Wilkins, published by The Macmillan Company, New York City, 510 pages, \$2.75. Remember "Seven Tempests" and "And So—Victoria," two novels which achieved widespread circulation? The author of these two



VAUGHN WILKINS
Author of "Being Met Together,"
"And So—Victoria," etc.
(Macmillan)

(Vaughn Wilkins) has come forth with a new tale, "Being Met Together," which bids for a just and deserved popularity. "Being Met Together" is the deep and profound tale of a mother's hatred for the British, and of her grandson whom she has reared for the purpose of revenge, herself, through him, against the British.

The action and color of Author

Wilkins' earlier novels is captured in this new story as it moves from the Colony of Virginia to England, to Europe, and back to Virginia. The time of the action is 1781, during the American Revolution. Napoleon Bonaparte figures prominently in the tale and the author has drawn from historical fact to portray an attempt to rescue the exiled Napoleon from St. Helena by submarine.

Robert Fulton, inventor of the steamboat, also plays a prominent role in the novel, along with many other historical figures.

To go into the scope of the story would be to spoil it for the prospective reader. Let it suffice to state that "Being Met Together" is centered around the mother's hatred and a son's obedience.

Romantic and colorful, with unusual humor, this thrilling novel is an excellent book for a gift, if such a suggestion is in order in these pre-Christmas days. It is an excellent historical novel, absorbing and adventurous and is recommended reading.

"Being Met Together" should be a best-seller as were "Seven Tempests" and "And So—Victoria." It is every bit as good a story and has the same meritorious handling by a worthy author.

—W. B. PEDIGO.

Real Living

No vision—and we perish,
No ideal—and we're lost;
Our hearts must always cherish
Some faith at any cost.
Some hope, some dream we cling to,
Some rainbow in the sky;
Some melody to sing to,
Some service that is high.

POEM OF THE WEEK

'Others Call It God'

A fire-mist and a planet,
A crystal and a cell,
A jelly-fish and a saurian,
And caves where the cave-men dwell;
Then a sense of law and beauty
And a face turned from the clod—
Some call it Evolution,
And others call it God.

A haze on the far horizon,
The infinite, tender sky,
The ripe, rich tint of the cornfields,
And the wild geese sailing high—
And all over upland and lowland
The charm of the golden rod—
Some of us call it Autumn
And others call it God.

Like tides on a crescent sea-beach,
When the moon is new and thin,
Into our hearts high yearnings
Come welling and surging in—
Come from the mystic ocean,
Whose rim no foot has trod,—
Some of us call it Longing,
And others call it God.

A picket frozen on duty,
A mother starved for her brood,
Socrates drinking the hemlock,
And Jesus on the road;
And millions who, humble and nameless,
The straight, hard pathway plod,—
Some call it Consecration,
And others—call it God.

WILLIAM H. CARRUTH.

GIGGLES
AND
GROANS

NO MIDDLE-MAN WANTED

It seems that a young couple were on their way to the office of the Justice of the Peace to get spliced. When they got there the groom-to-be took a look at the sign on the outside of the office, turned and started to walk away from the place. The girl ran after him.

"Why, what's the matter, honey? Why are you acting like this? Don't you want to go through with our marriage that we've planned for so long?"

"Did you get a look at that sign on the outside of the Justice of the Peace's office?" asked the young fellow.

"Why, no—what about it?" the girl asked.

"Well, here's what it said—'You furnish the bride, I'll do the rest!'"

HAD HIM THERE!

"Big boy, ah wondas was George Washington as honest as de people says he was?"

"Ah tell you, black boy, he was de honestest man in de world."

"Den how come dey allus close all de banks on his buffday?"

SIMPLE EXPLANATION

On a recent Sunday morning one of the British Home Guard was late for parade duty and he said to the second lieutenant:

"Sorry, sir, a confinement."

A few weeks later he was again late, and made the same excuse.

"What the heck is your wife, the lieutenant barked, "a ruddy rabbit?"

"No, sir, a midwife."

THE PROFESSIONAL TOUCH

It seems that the young lady oyster, who had just returned from her first date with a lobster, was telling all her oyster girl friends about it.

"He was simply marvelous!" she exclaimed. "First, he looked deep into my eyes. Then he put his arms around me—all ten of them! Then he—"

A look of horror came over her as she clutched her throat and cried out: "My Gawd! My pearls!"

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

One of the girls, who works in the office of the local anti-tuberculosis association tells about Sambo and the Christmas seals. Sambo was sauntering along the street and met Rastus.

"Where yo' goin', boy?" asked Rastus.

"Ah's goin' down to git me self some tubercle's stamps," replied Sambo.

"What is dey?" persisted Rastus.

"Ah ain't nebbah heered tell of 'em."

"Well," explained Sambo, "ever' year Ah gits me self a dollah's wort' a dem tubercle's stamps, an' sticks 'em on mah chest, an' Ah ain't nebbah had no tubercle's yit!"

WAXING AND WANING

A WAC tells the story about a soldier who was sitting on a park bench, mooning, and with a long face. An important 2nd Loot passed by and, not getting the usual addition to his collection of salutes, called out:

"Attention, there!"

Still not getting any response from the crestfallen GI, the lieutenant strode over to him, tapped him on the shoulder, and shouted:

"Whassa matter—got wax in your ears?"

"No, sir," the PFC replied. "But I've sure got 'em on my mind!"

ALL FIXED UP

An old man was applying for county relief and the young lady official was filling out the customary form.

"Do you owe any back house rent?" she asked.

"No, Ma'am," he replied. "We got the plumbin' inside the house."

GETTING EVEN

"Your doctor's out in front with a flat tire."

"Diagnose the case as a flatulency of the perimeter and charge him accordingly," ordered the gynecologist. "That's the way he does."

TEMPORARY LOCATION

ST. PETER: What kind of sailors are pounding on the gate?

ASSISTANT: They are Americans.

ST. P: Oh, well, let them in. They'll want to transfer in six months anyway.

HOW SHE DID IT

Mrs. Fiery was born with a temper like gunpowder.

"Tell me, dear," said her husband, after one of her outbursts, "how it was I never discovered this unhappy weakness of yours during our courtship days? However, did you restrain yourself?"

"Well," replied his wife, "I used to go upstairs and bite pieces out of the top of the oak dressing table."

THE REASON

"When I married you, I thought you were an angel."

"So that's why you never bought me any clothes!"

The way to climb high is to remain on the level.

Danger In California!
HUGE JOBLESS ARMY WILL
CONFRONT STATE IF POST
WAR INDUSTRY UNPLANNED

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

In a statement chock-full of facts, Alexander R. Herron, Director of the California Reconstruction and Re-employment Commission, submitted a number of observations to Senator Pat McCarran, Chairman of the United States Senate's Special Committee to Investigate Industrial Centralization.

Mr. Herron pointed out that two million civilians have moved into the eleven Western States during the

Postwar
Woman

The post-war woman will have luscious curves, broad shoulders and big feet, fashion experts predict. After World War I women flattened their bosoms to the vanishing point, cut their hair short and wore mannish clothes. After World War II they're going in the other direction—they'll be ample armfuls of frills and flesh.

Designers preparing for early spring showings when some believe the European war will be over predict the revolt from uniforms and ration points will be violent and universal. The war has caused a change in women's figures, they point out. War work has given women wider shoulders so artificial shoulder padding in dresses won't be needed and will disappear soon, the dress manufacturers say.

More walking is giving the girls bigger feet—some manufacturers report the average has gone up one half-size in stockings.

As for curves, in the prewar days nearly every woman watched the scales and tried to look like the thinnest Hollywood star. She aimed at a bust of 32 or 34 inches and 34-inch hips. But the war has built up her bust to 36 or 37, designers said, and filled out her hips to 37 or 38. Officers of the women's services say the average recruit was hipped on diet and reducing, but a balanced menu and exercise made a new woman of her.

And according to reliable overseas sources, GI Joe says he won't care if his girl is a little plumper when he gets back.

After California's servicemen return home, the state's civilian labor force will be not less than 3,600,000 and may exceed 4,000,000, in comparison with 2,905,000 in April 1940. Because of the large displacement of employees from war production, it is estimated that unemployment in California in the first year after military demobilization will not be less than 400,000 and may reach 800,000 or more.

The report also discussed the post-war potentialities and needs of California and the West. Greater opportunities have been afforded to California and the West than elsewhere, he pointed out, and expressed the hope that the necessary adjustments can be made so that all of these potentialities may be exploited.

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PERMANENT FAIR EMPLOYMENT ACT ASKED BY GROUPS

Los Angeles, Calif. A new committee to work for creation of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee was set up here by Spanish-speaking citizens. AFL and CIO unions with members of Mexican or Spanish origin have been asked to support the committee.

Open Upgrading School To Get More Seamen

Los Angeles, Calif. To meet the acute shortage of seamen here the U. S. Maritime Service will open an upgrading school for merchant seamen eligible for A.B. tickets around the first of the year.

And how come so many people are still working when the voters turned thumbs down on the Right to Work?

PORTERS BACK UP AFL'S FUND FOR AID TO UNIONISTS

New York City First union to support the AFL Free Trade Union Committee's \$1 million drive was the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Six weeks before the committee officially opened its campaign, it received \$100 from the union to help in its work of re-establishing democratic unions abroad.

Lumber Co-op Taking Over Big Cedar Tract To Turn Out Shingles

Vancouver, British Columbia The International Lumbering Association, which was set up early this year by a number of U. S. regional co-operatives and four Canadian co-operatives to manufacture cedar shingles near here, has now acquired a tract of virgin timber containing about 100,000,000 feet of timber, largely cedar. The tract is expected to furnish a supply of raw material for the next 20 years, at present rate of consumption. The sum of \$135,000 was paid for the tract, purchased from the York Logging Co., a part of the firm that had also owned the mill now operated by the co-operatives.

Unions Win a Big Victory At Donnelly's

Chicago, Illinois Printing trades unions stormed the mightiest open shop fortress in America by winning four NLRB elections at R. R. Donnelly's Lakeside Press.

The victory came as the climax of a 7-year campaign by AFL unions to organize Donnelly employees over the bitter opposition of management. The International Printing Pressmen's and Assistants Union won 581 against 519. Local 5, International Photo Engravers Union, won the rotogravure section 35 to 11. Local 4, Amalgamated Lithographers, won 46 to 30, while Lodge 26, International Association of Machinists, won 15 to 9.

MAILERS IN DOUBT Results of the mailers' election were in doubt with 42 challenged votes. Eighty-three accepted votes were cast for the union to 106 against. A union appeal to the NLRB was immediately launched to set aside the mailers election because of vicious company violations of the Wagner act.

"Donnelly used everything but machineguns," Sec. Nicholas De Pietro of the Chicago Allied Printing Trades Council said. "The law just never has meant anything to these American disciples of Hitler."

BEACHHEAD WON Jubilant over winning a beachhead at the Donnelly plant in elections covering 1600 of 4600 employees, the printing trades unions plan to press for further elections if the company does not accede to a general contract covering all workers.

Among the crafts not covered in the Nov. 30 elections were printers, bookbinders and photoengravers in the commercial department and teamsters and electrical workers.

The open shop policy of R. R. Donnelly dates back to 1907 when the company refused to hire any known union member and fired any employee found to have union affiliations.

Warner Bros. Revolt Helps Labor's Fight

By HERBERT A. KLEIN
Hollywood, Calif.

"Dissatisfaction with the way the Hays office has handled labor negotiations and wage matters" was the stated reason for the withdrawal of Warner Bros. Pictures from the Association of Motion Picture Producers and Distributors.

Warners' withdrawal is the first breach in the tight Hays office censorship since it was set up 22 years ago. Unionists considered it significant that the straw that broke the camel's back was the bad labor policies of the association rather than its hypocritical and reactionary control over film contents.

BLOFF EPISODE

The association's labor office is run by white haired Pat Casey, an old hand at divide and rule maneuvers. A typical labor situation perpetuated under Casey was the dictatorial Willie Bloff regime over the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (AFL) in Hollywood, against the will of the vast majority of studio unionists. Bloff is now in jail for racketeering.

Warners announced here it would abide by contracts negotiated in its behalf while it was an association member, but henceforth it will handle its own labor relations and wage matters.

GOOD NEWS TO LABOR

In labor language that's good news. It means Warners will deal directly with the Conference of Studio Unions, Hollywood central AFL body comprising nine locals under the leadership of Herbert Sorrell.

As a result of the Warner break with the association, fresh air already seems stirring in Hollywood, long restive under the stultifying influence of Film Censor Will H. Hays, president of the association, whose phony industrial and artistic policies lay like a dead hand over the movie industry.

CONVENTION HITS 'HATE' PROPAGANDA

New Orleans, La. An unrelenting struggle against groups responsible for spreading "the poison of anti-Catholicism, anti-Semitism, anti-Negroism and other forms of racial prejudice" was pledged by the 64th AFL convention.

The resolution adopted by the 600 delegates said that the AFL "executive council will give all possible support to the international and local unions in the undertaking and carrying out of an educational program calculated to promote tolerance, understanding and amity among the various groups comprising the family of American organized labor."

Sec. John P. Frey of the resolutions committee reported it had also considered a stronger resolution submitted by Pres. Louis P. Marcante of the New Jersey Federation of Labor but thought the substitute met the situation. Marcante's resolution asked for a federal law to make racial discrimination such as anti-Semitism a penitentiary offense.

New World Wanted

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CHRISTMAS SEALS

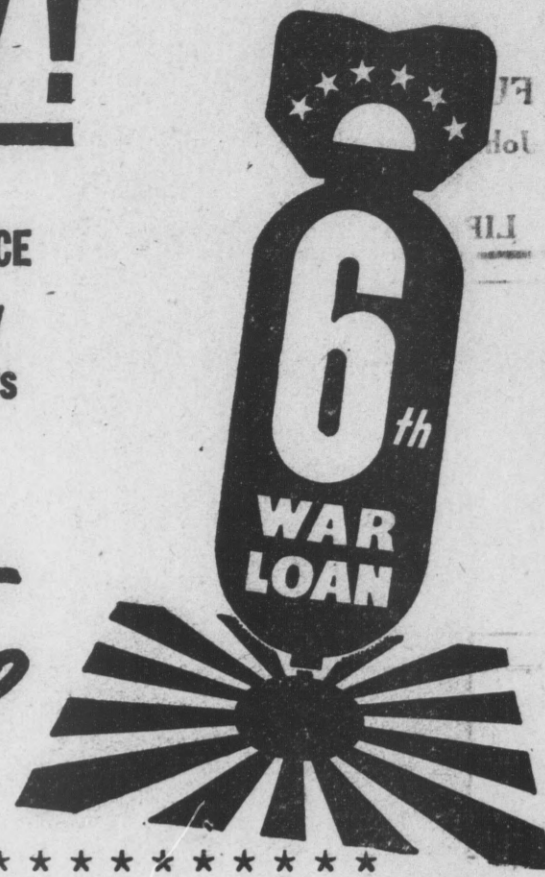


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Fight On 'Little Steel' to Go On, Unionists Pledge

Pittsburgh, Penn. The wage and policy committee of United Steelworkers accepted the National War Labor Board directive granting wage adjustments within the limitations of the Little Steel formula and called upon its international officers to continue their fight for revision of the formula.

The 450 delegates, representing 400,000 employees in 86 basic steel companies, acted after receiving an explanation of the WLB directive from Pres. Philip Murray and Counsel Lee Pressman. While the WLB failed to act on the union's demand for a 17c hourly wage increase, which would have required revision of the Little Steel formula, it passed the demand along to President Roosevelt. Murray pointed out, stressing that the issue is still "very much alive."

The committee also renewed the union's no-strike pledge after hearing a telegram from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied supreme commander, praising labor and expressing the hope that production would continue at a high level because of "the enormity of the task still facing the Allied armies in Europe."

Electrical Worker Wins AFL's Union Label Guess Contest

New Orleans, La. While delegates to the AFL convention applauded lustily Vincent J. Marione, an electrician employed in the New Orleans Municipal Auditorium, was named winner of the union label guessing contest.

A huge bowl installed in the AFL's union label exhibit held the shop cards and labels of all AFL affiliates. Delegates and visitors were asked to name the total. Marione guessed that there were 975 labels in the bowl. The total was 960 and the member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers won a \$25 war bond.

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Joe Hands Frank Bouquet! 'YANK' ARTICLE TELLS BOYS TYPICAL WAR WORKER LIFE NOT WHAT IT'S CRACKED UP

New York City Knee-deep in mud in Germany, France and the Pacific islands, GI Joe reads in *Yank*, their weekly magazine, a tribute to "the average guy in a war plant"—a report to end all reports that war workers are making huge wages and living off the fat of the land.

"Millions of war-worker families aren't shooting their wad on expensive pretties and night club carryings."

"Sgt. Al Hine, *Yank* staff writer wrote, in the official army magazine's Nov. 24 issue. "They can't afford to. . . The cost of living has risen as fast as incomes, maybe faster."

CITE TYPICAL FAMILY
To show the actual living conditions of a typical war worker and his family, *Yank* told the story of Frank Hanley of Turtle Creek, Pa., 27 years old, rejected from military service because of a trick knee. Hanley, married and father of two children, works as a panel fireman in the East Pittsburgh works of Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. and is a member of United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

"Frank has kept up his union membership and is in good standing," *Yank* says. "Labor relations at the plant are good, and he's never been involved in a strike. His reasons for not shooting his pay down the easy-money drain are the same as those of most other war workers. Only a microscopic percentage of them are going that kind of boom spending you read about in the more sensational state-wide newspapers."

HOW 'FRANK' LIVES
"It isn't as interesting to read about a normal, hardworking guy like Frank Hanley as it is to read about a Coal-Oil Johnny, but it's a lot more important if you want to know the truth about things at home."

Frank's paycheck now is \$240 a month—not all a wartime raise because he's had two advancements since he joined the company, *Yank* points out. He uses 25 per cent of his income on his home, 15 per cent for food and 15 per cent for war bonds, with the rest going for other essentials. "The whole picture," the army magazine says, "explains why the Hanleys and the millions of other war-worker families like them aren't shooting their wad on expensive pretties and night club carryings-on. They can't afford to. Their incomes are higher than they were before the war, but it doesn't put them in millionaire-playboy brackets by a long shot. And cost of living has risen as fast as incomes, maybe faster."

"Most war workers have other, more important things to do with their money. They have families to think about, their families' future and their own."

Perkins Lauds Worker Production As Reason For Big Plane Outfit

Washington, D. C.

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Hull Retires



With deep regret President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation of Secretary of State Cordell Hull, whose ill health compelled him to withdraw from the State Department. (Federated Pictures)

LOCALS QUIT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

San Pedro, Calif. Almost a score of CIO locals here withdrew in a body from the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce to protest sneak endorsement by the chamber's board of directors of Proposition 12, unionbusting measure which was defeated by California voters Nov. 7.

"The decision to withdraw from the organization which they had joined in a spirit of goodwill and harmony came after a 3-hour meeting of the harbor committee of the Los Angeles Council, with all of the larger harbor unions represented. Reasons for the withdrawal were explained in a full-page ad in the San Pedro News-Pilot, harbor daily."

Indorsement of Prop. 12 "by the high and mighty directors of the chamber," the statement said, "jeopardizes the kind of constructive community cooperation that the labor unions of this port and the leaders of this city generally have built up during the past few years."

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Bonds Buy Bombs For Tokyo



Patrick O'Donnell sends a message to his pop, Brig. General Emmett O'Donnell, Jr., famed Tokyo raider, on a bomb to be dropped on the Japanese capital. Pat is urging everyone to buy bonds for bombs to finish off the enemy. (Federated Pictures)

MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

Meeting of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County on December 7, 1944, was called to order by President W. J. Dickerson at 8:10 p.m.

Roll call showed seven locals represented.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved. All bills were ordered paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a letter of introduction for three delegates from the Salinas Valley Building Trades Council, who were appointed to obtain information for their affiliation with the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County, thereby bringing all the Building Crafts in the County into one Council. They are: Brothers A. W. Seefeldt (Lathers No. 122); Frank Walker (Roofers No. 50); and John Mattos (Laborers No. 272). (To unfinished business.)

A letter from the Labor League for Human Rights, requesting the amount donated by members of Organized Labor, A. F. of L. unions of Monterey for the recent War Chest Drive.

From the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, a copy of a letter sent out by the Women of the Pacific along with a printed circular of questions and answers, why people that work for a living should be slaves.

Received a copy of minutes from the Building and Construction Trades Council of Santa Clara County.

From the State Federation of Labor, a summary and text of anti-labor measures fostered by the Women of the Pacific.

From State Civil Service positions, a notice of examination for plumber to be given February 1, 1945.

A letter of best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Reilly and family.

Received a copy of minutes from the M. P. C. L. C.

Two letters from the Labor League for Human Rights requesting assistance in the raising of a fund to re-establish free Labor Unions in the war-torn nations of the world.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Brother Ward reports the activities of the past three weeks. They now have 15 women working in the work mill. The new cannery building is progressing slowly, they need more carpenters. There are several small jobs of repairing and it is hard to keep up with them so a special effort should be made to see the working cards on the job before going to work. (Report was accepted.)

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Brother Alphonse, Sheet Metal Workers No. 304; routine business. Brother O'Neil, Plumbers No. 62, good meeting, trying to find ways to control the one-man shops.

Brother Hicks, Roofers No. 50; good meeting; nominated officers for the next year; considered the case of Miller Roofing Co.

Brother Luce, Hod Carriers No. 690; good meeting; routine business.

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(AFL Fish Cannery Workers)

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With the fleet tied up, most of the membership is idle except for

warehouse workers and mechanics, who are busy catching up with their work.

The adjustment board met before the seventh-man referee last week on seniority cases at California Packing Corp. His decision is awaited.

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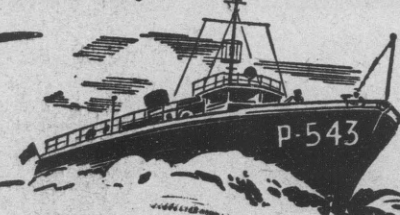
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National Health Plan! AFL-CIO RESEARCH GROUPS ANNOUNCE JOINT PLANS TO SOCIALIZE MEDICAL CARE

A new nationwide health plan insuring good medical care for every man, woman and child in the country within their ability to pay is announced by a conference group of 29 well-known doctors, economists, administrators and representatives of organized labor.

Florence C. Thorne of the AFL Research Department and CIO Research Director J. Raymond Walsh helped

New York City

draw up the plan, which proposes a national system of health insurance to which employees, employers and self-employed persons would be required by law to contribute in proportion to earning capacity. In addition, low income families would be provided for by supplementary taxation.

NATIONAL SET-UP
The project provides for a national rather than a state system because so many states lack financial resources to carry out their own plans. It differs from the health insurance part of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill, also backed by labor, in providing for a decentralized administration with local units exercising autonomy under national standards, recognition of existing voluntary hospital and health insurance plans and the determination of policy by groups in which both the public and the medical profession would be represented.

Full steps are taken to safeguard the status of physicians and the quality of medical care and to encourage group practice as the most efficient and economical way of supplying medical service. "Basic freedoms" include the right of patients to select their own doctors and hospitals by individual or by group choice and the right of doctors to accept or reject patients, to take part in a public system or otherwise.

EXPLAIN FINANCING
Collection of funds will be linked to general social security collections. Pointing out that the average American family already spends 3 per cent of its income on doctor and hospital bills, the conference group says this plan would call for little new outlay of money but would merely regularize existing payments. Medical service would include hospital care as well as preventive, diagnostic and treatment services from doctors for bed, ambulatory and home patients.

The Health Program Conference report was worked out jointly and unanimously by 13 doctors, staff members of the Rockefeller Foundation and the U. S. Public Health Service, eight health insurance economists and eight administrators from government and private agencies, in addition to the labor representatives, to safeguard the interests of all groups and meet objections to existing health insurance plans.

Rochdale Co-op Plan Again Endorsed By Convention of AFL

New Orleans, La.
Consumer co-operatives, organized on the Rochdale plan, again won the endorsement of the AFL. The convention was told that consumer co-ops in the U. S. today own 102 factories, a coal mine, 10 gasoline refineries, 296 oil wells and 800 miles of pipeline.

They manufacture flour, canned goods, roast coffee, sausage, butter, cheese, bread, gasoline, lumber, paint and printing; mine coal and supply farmers with feed, fertilizer, farm machinery and baby clothes.

GHASTLY SIGHT
SAMMY: "Did you hear about the little moron who cut a hole in a rug so he could see the floor show?"
TOMMY: "No—what about it?"
SAMMY: "Oh, he covered it up quick because he didn't like the dirty cracks."

In addition to the British delegates, they were Jiri Stoltz, adviser on social legislation for Czechoslovakia; Dr. H. T. Liu, overseas representative of the Chinese Federation of Labor; Haakon Lie, labor attaché of the Norwegian embassy; Jules DeKock of Belgium; and Israel Mereminski, American representative of Histadrut, General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine.

Labor Canteen Dispenses Goodwill



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BARBERS LOCAL 896—Meets 1st Thursdays at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St. President, Ralph Lester, 307 1/2 Madison St.; Secretary-Treas., A. H. Thompson, 243 Alvarado St., Ph. 5741.

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BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street, Monterey. D. L. Ward, business representative, Phone 6744. L. T. Long, Secretary, P. O. Box 611.

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